



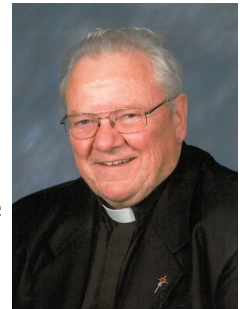
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The Big Question by Fr. Lee Flaherty, Spiritual Advisor

At the Jewish Passover meal the youngest child asks this question: “Why is this night so different from all other nights?” The father of the family can then tell the story of how God led the Jewish people out of slavery to become God’s holy people.

A similar question could be asked of the leaders of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: “Why is this Society that helps the poor so different from all the other helping societies?” They can then answer with the following reflection.

Years before, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that all the faithful of Christ are called to holiness. Frederick Ozanam, the founder of the Society, insisted that the primary goal of the Society is to increase the holiness of its members. No other helping group has this primary purpose. At conference meetings the members pray and reflect on the scriptures, and also on their visits to the poor. Their basic question is always “how did I see the face of Jesus in those I have helped?” Perfect holiness is not demanded of members. The Society is made up of, and for struggling pilgrims of faith. Their goal in life is to grow in their relationship with God through prayer, and their service of the poor. That is why the essential elements of the Society are:



Spirituality: bearing witness to Jesus by showing that their faith inspires them to work for the good of others.

Service to the poor: making personal contact with those who are suffering the effects of poverty and to bring them the best help they can.

A Faith Community: to bring together men and women of good will, helping them to grow through mutual example, and true friendship.

Members are called to see the face of Jesus in all they help. His last judgment scene: “When I was hungry, or sick, or naked or even in prison, and you did all of this for me” – can be more efficiently realized when working within a group. This attitude in the group helps the members to move toward a realization of their call to holiness. Vincentians give witness to God’s love through works of charity and justice. In seeking to do this they are willing to work with other people of good will to relieve the needs of the poor and to address the causes of poverty. They make no distinction in those they serve because they try to see in the poor the face of Jesus Christ. When one is looking into the eyes of Jesus, it is hard to say no. May the Spirit of God that led Jesus into his ministry, overshadow all the members of the Society and lead them into loving and humble service.

National Society of St. Vincent de Paul

MISSION STATEMENT

“A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.”

ANNUAL REPORT October 2016 - September 2017

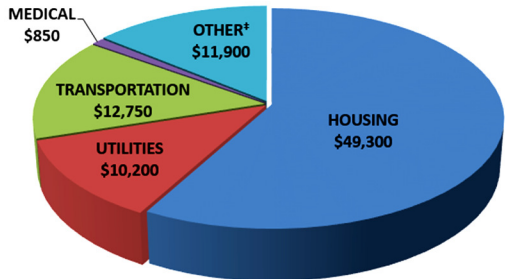
Income

Donations for Assisting Local Community: \$63,182

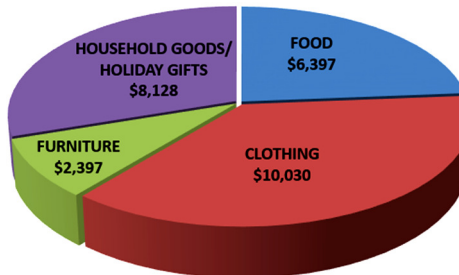
Flood Relief Donations for Odanah, WI area & other receipts: \$7,711

Disbursements

Direct Assistance Given



Estimated Value of Goods Given



* ‡ Includes beds & appliances for flood victims in Odanah, WI

Total Value of Monetary Disbursements & Goods Given = \$112,000

94 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the poor

AS A RESULT OF YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WE HELPED:

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| 117 households with food | 184 households with housing |
| 54 households with utilities | 161 households with transportation |
| 865 visits done by volunteers | 5,022 hours of volunteer service |

† THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED †

PANCAKE BREAKFAST CELEBRATION 2018

A BIG THANK YOU to all the members, volunteers and businesses who helped make this event a great success on April 15. The following donors helped our Society with their generosity:

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To donate or request assistance please call **715-398-4039 (Voicemail)** and leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Meetings

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Charities building at 1416 Cumming Ave., Superior, WI

Membership

Active Members: Attend meetings and visit with those in need in their homes or at our office.

Associate Members: Assist with special projects.

Contributing Members: Provide regular or annual donations in support of the Society.

SVDP Officers

President: Anita Johansen
Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Leon Flaherty
Vice President: Pam Dawson
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